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CO-OPS BLAMED FOR
FRUIT, VEGETABLE SHORTAGE IN SOFIA

There still exists an unsatisfactory organization in the purchase and transportation of fruit and vegetables to Sofia.

Last year the reason given for the shortage of vegetables was the dry spell, but this year those responsible for supplying the capital with fruit and vegetables point out that the one principal reason for the scarce and irregular supply is the cold weather, the constant rains, etc.

Despite the insistence of the central cooperative federation and the "Plod-Zelenchuk" (Fruit and Vegetable) Enterprise that the cherries are green, unripened, and small in size, there is an abundance of them in Kyustendil, Asenovgrad, Stanka Dimitrovo, and other places. But there is a lack of initiative and desire on the part of the rayon cooperative federations to organize the crop gathering campaign, and there is no well-organized purchasing campaign. Certain services arbitrarily reject great quantities for industrial purposes, without having taken into consideration the internal trade plans of the Ministry of Internal Trade.

The assertion of the "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise and the central cooperative federation that the string beans are not ripe is untrue. It has been ascertained that the shortage of string beans is due to the low price offered the producers.

Although the rayon cooperative federation has contracts with the "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise for the delivery to the enterprise of specific kinds and quantities of fruit and vegetables, the federation seeks only to get rid of its stock, and displays no concern as to where the stock is going, whether for industrial purposes, to market, or elsewhere.

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The rayon cooperative federation at Plovdiv was supposed to deliver 5 tons of string beans on 4 June this year, but it has delivered only 196 kilograms. The federation at Pazardzhik contracted to deliver 2 tons of the same product, but has delivered nothing at all. The federation at Petrich is the only one at present which is sending large quantities of string beans. Due to the fact that tobacco must be planted in Petrich Okoliya, the rayon cooperative federation at Petrich sent urgent demands to the "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise to accept within a 10 day period the entire quantity of 500 tons of string beans called for by contract. This was done because the Ministry of Agriculture insisted on disposing of vegetables already planted as soon as possible, so that the same areas may be planted with tobacco at the proper time.

The "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise has a contract with the rayon cooperative federation at Purgomay for the delivery of a certain quantity of peas for Sofia. According to the contract, the federation was to deliver 5 tons of peas, but it failed to do so. At the same time, a representative of the Ministry of Supply without consultation and coordination of his work with the central cooperative federation or with the Ministry of Internal Trade, directed the rayon cooperative federation at Purgomay to divert the entire supply of peas for industrial use. The village of Gorna Manastiritsa, in Belen Okoliya, was also required to deliver certain quantities of peas on 4 June, but the village authorities stated that such quantities were not available. The obligations of Plovdiv for the month of June amount to 250 tons, but up to now it has delivered only 12 tons.

The supply of cucumbers is also unsatisfactory. According to contract, the city of Petrich should have delivered 10 tons by 4 June, but it has delivered only 2 tons. The city of Sandanski was required to deliver 5 tons, but has delivered only 700 kilograms. The city of Dimitrovgrad contracted to deliver 6 tons, but has delivered only 1,280 kilograms. The village of Gorna, in Belen Okoliya, contracted for 3 tons, but it has delivered nothing at all. Plovdiv was supposed to deliver 3 tons, but it has delivered only 300 kilograms, etc.

Moreover, the farm workers' cooperatives are not fulfilling their contractual obligations for the deliveries of vegetables. The farm workers' cooperatives at the village of Chesnigirovo, in Asenovgrad Okoliya, despite the existence of a contract with the rayon cooperative federation at Asenovgrad, has sent 15 carts of cucumbers to Plovdiv and has sold them at free prices.

The rayon cooperative federations in some of the most important centers for early ripening cucumbers, such as those at the cities of Sandanski, Petrich, Asenovgrad, Stara Zagora, Pazardzhik, and the village of Gorna Manastiritsa, in Belen Okoliya, are acting bureaucratically and show a lack of desire to comply with their contractual obligations.

The situation in regard to squash and early-ripening cabbage is almost identical. The rayon cooperative federations at Plovdiv, Sandanski, Manastiritsa, Pazardzhik, Stara Zagora, etc., do not produce the quantities specified by the contract and do not deliver them to Sofia. The rayon cooperative federations at Petrich, Sandanski, Stara Zagora, Gorna Oryakhovitsa, Pazardzhik, etc., have not fulfilled their cabbage-delivery plan.

The supply of potatoes is, for the time being, the most satisfactory. During the last 2 days, a total of 150 tons of potatoes have been collected, and 50 tons more are scheduled for delivery on 6 June.

The supply of cherries to Sofia is very inadequate. The cherry-delivery program is generally unfulfilled. One hundred fifty tons were scheduled for delivery on 4 June, but only 45 tons were received; or to be more precise, only 23 tons were received, for some quantities of cherries were left over from the

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previous day. At Asenovgrad, the representative of the "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise refused 12 tons of cherries because they were overripe and small in size, as the long trip to Sofia would have made them unfit for consumption. These cherries were later sold at Khaskovo and at Asenovgrad. The rayon cooperative federation at Peshters has shown an exceedingly careless attitude toward its contract. At the city of Stanke Dimitrovo, there is no organization for gathering and purchasing crops. The rayon cooperative federation at Stanke Dimitrovo failed to deliver 550 tons of cherries to the "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise during May and June. To this very day the cherries have not been picked and no measures are being taken to have them picked, despite the acute need for fruit in Sofia.

In the city of Kyustendil, the cherry center, it was announced 10 days ago that a large quantity of cherries had ripened, but the "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise refused to accept the cherries before the scheduled date. In the case of these cherries, just as with the peas at Purvomay, the Ministry of Supply has ordered the use of two thirds of the cherries at Kyustendil for industrial purposes, without consulting the Ministry of Internal Trade and without taking into consideration the contractual obligations of the rayon cooperative federation at Kyustendil to the "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise for the delivery of 1,860 tons of cherries to Sofia during May and June. Several times the "Plod-Zelenchuk" Enterprise has refused for no reason whatsoever to accept the delivery of fruit and vegetables.

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